



# **CTMM DeCoDe**

## **translational research on colorectal cancer in the Netherlands**

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## Facts & figures

- Netherlands
- AKA Holland
- 40.000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 17 million people
- 8 UMC's







# Dutch Daily News

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FIFA bans Dutch babes in orange mini-dress from World Cup





## Fixtures and Results

14 Jun 10	NED	<b>2:0 (0:0)</b>	DEN
14 Jun 10	JPN	<b>1:0 (1:0)</b>	CMR
19 Jun 10	NED	<b>1:0 (0:0)</b>	JPN
19 Jun 10	CMR	<b>1:2 (1:1)</b>	DEN
24 Jun 10	DEN	<b>Background</b>	JPN
24 Jun 10	CMR	<b>Background</b>	NED

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## Standings

	MP	W	D	L	Pts
Netherlands	2	2	0	0	6
Japan	2	1	0	1	3
Denmark	2	1	0	1	3
Cameroon	2	0	0	2	0



# Translating biology to medicine



# Translational Research Pipeline

U medisch centrum



## Academia

Model systems

Biobanks

Clinical series

Multidisciplinary

marker  
identification

marker  
validation

assay  
development

pilot  
studies

cost  
effectiveness

Implementation  
studies

molecular  
test

## Industry

Technology

Automation

Upscaling

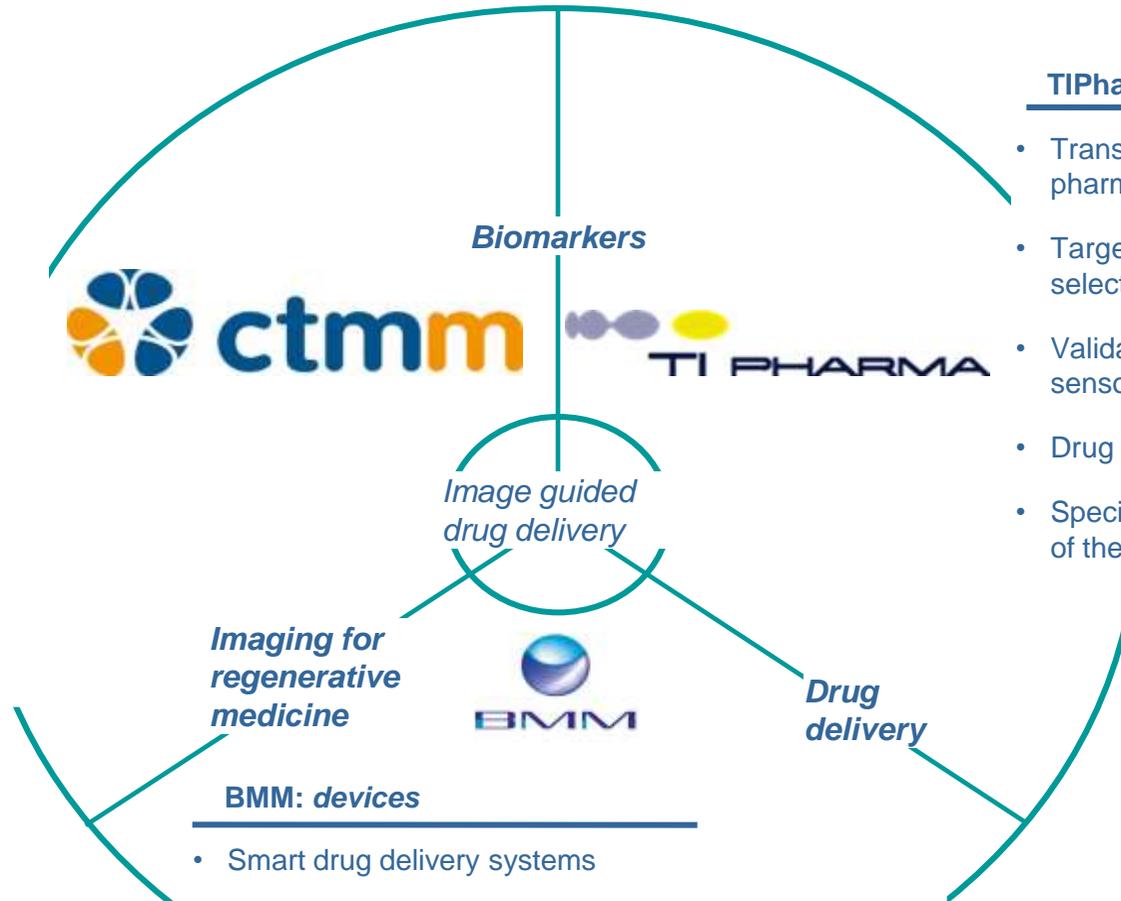
Valorisation



# CTMM, TIPharma and BMM offer an integrated approach for innovations in the Dutch health care sector

## CTMM: diagnosis

- Early detection of disease by in-vitro and in-vivo diagnostics
- Stratification of patients for personalized treatment
- Assessing efficiency and efficacy of medicines by imaging
- Image guided delivery of medication
- Focus on cancer, cardiovascular, neurodegenerative and infectious /autoimmune disease.



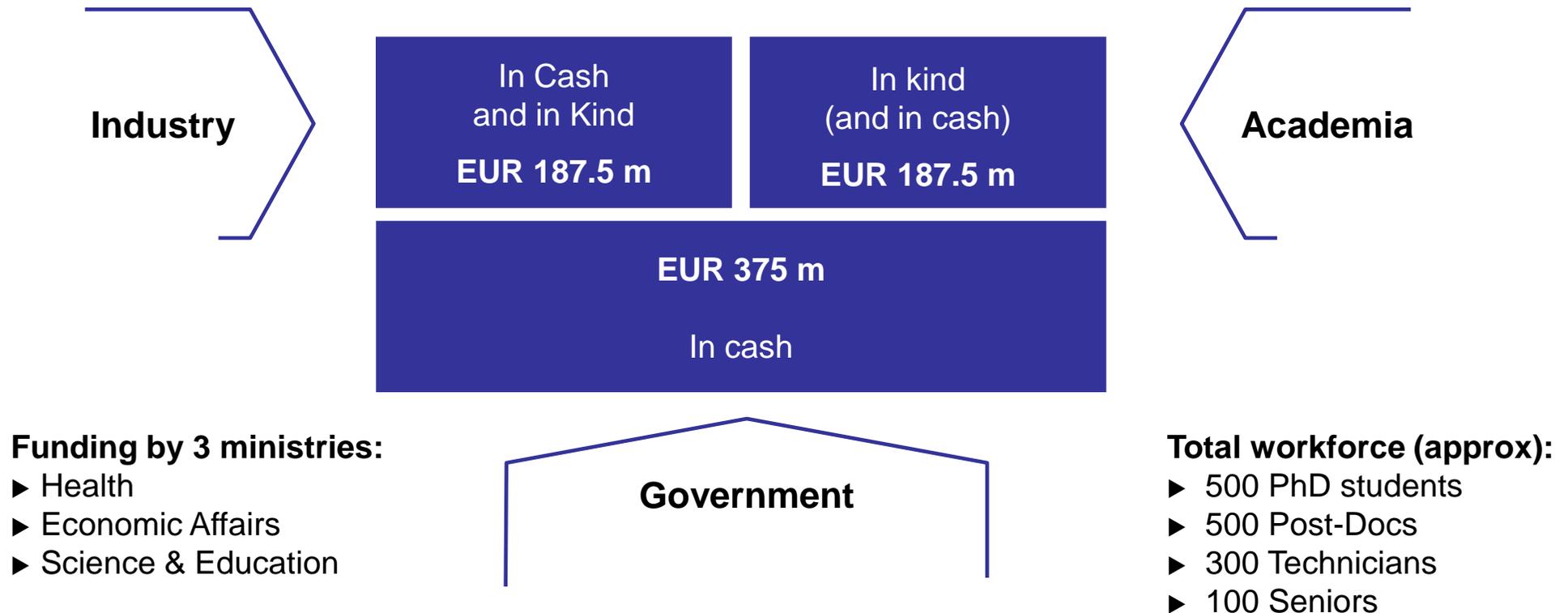
- Smart drug delivery systems
- Innovations in contemporary organ replacement therapies
- Passive and active scaffolds, including cell signalling functions

## TIPharma: drugs

- Translational research on novel pharmaceutical therapies
- Target finding, animal models and lead selection
- Validation of biomarkers and bio-sensing
- Drug formulation, delivery and targeting
- Special Theme focusing on the efficiency of the process of drug development

## The Dutch model: financing by industry, academia & government

Total five year funding for CTMM, TI Pharma and BMM: EUR 750 million



# CTMM

- multidisciplinary projects
  - Cancer
  - Cardiovascular disease
  - Inflammation
  - Neurodegenerative diseases
- ‘bench’ to ‘bedside’
- Financial contribution
  - government (50%)
  - academia (25%)
  - industry (25%)



Center for Translational  
Molecular Medicine

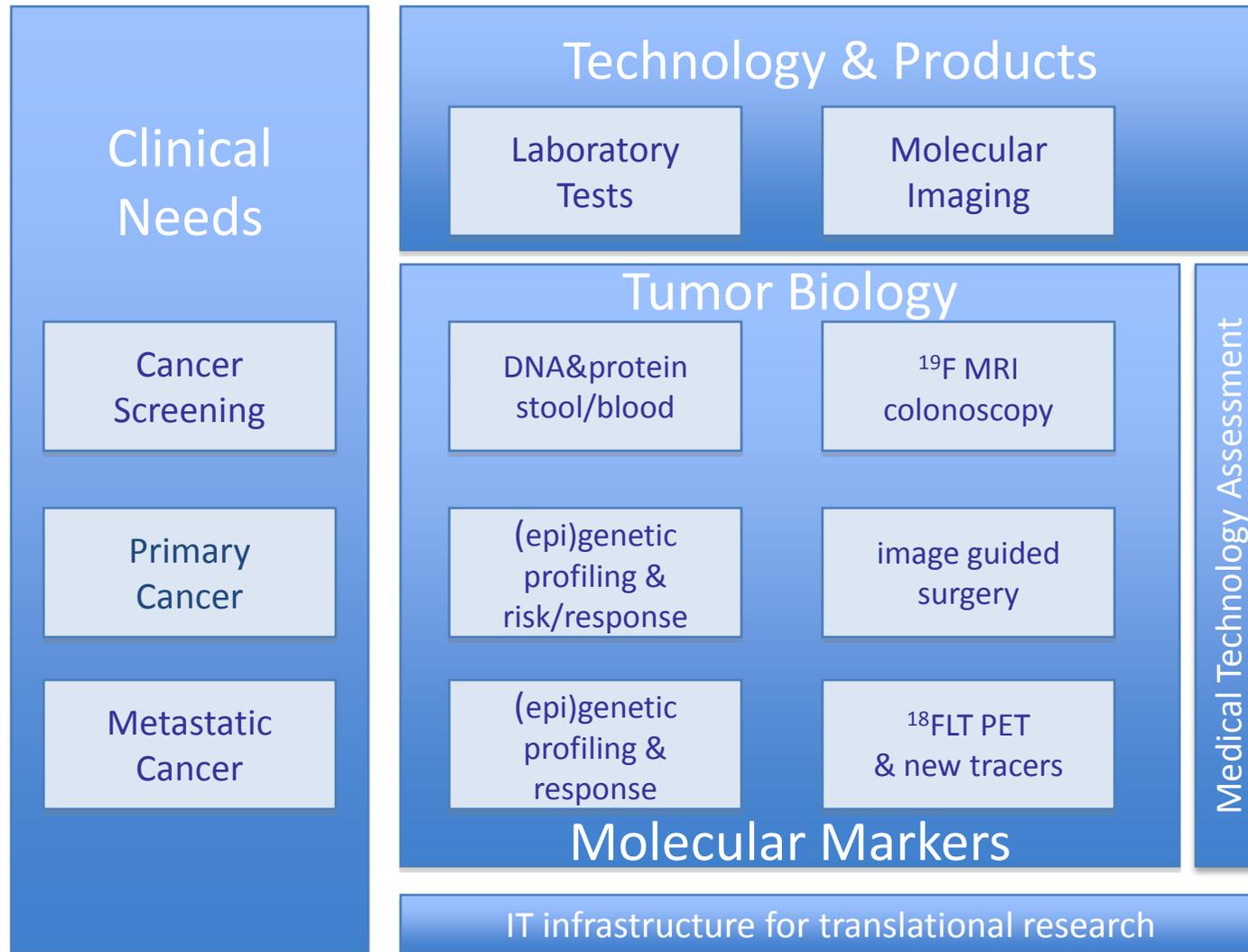
Translating science into better healthcare

# DeCoDe

## Decrease Colorectal cancer Death

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# Decrease Colorectal cancer Death



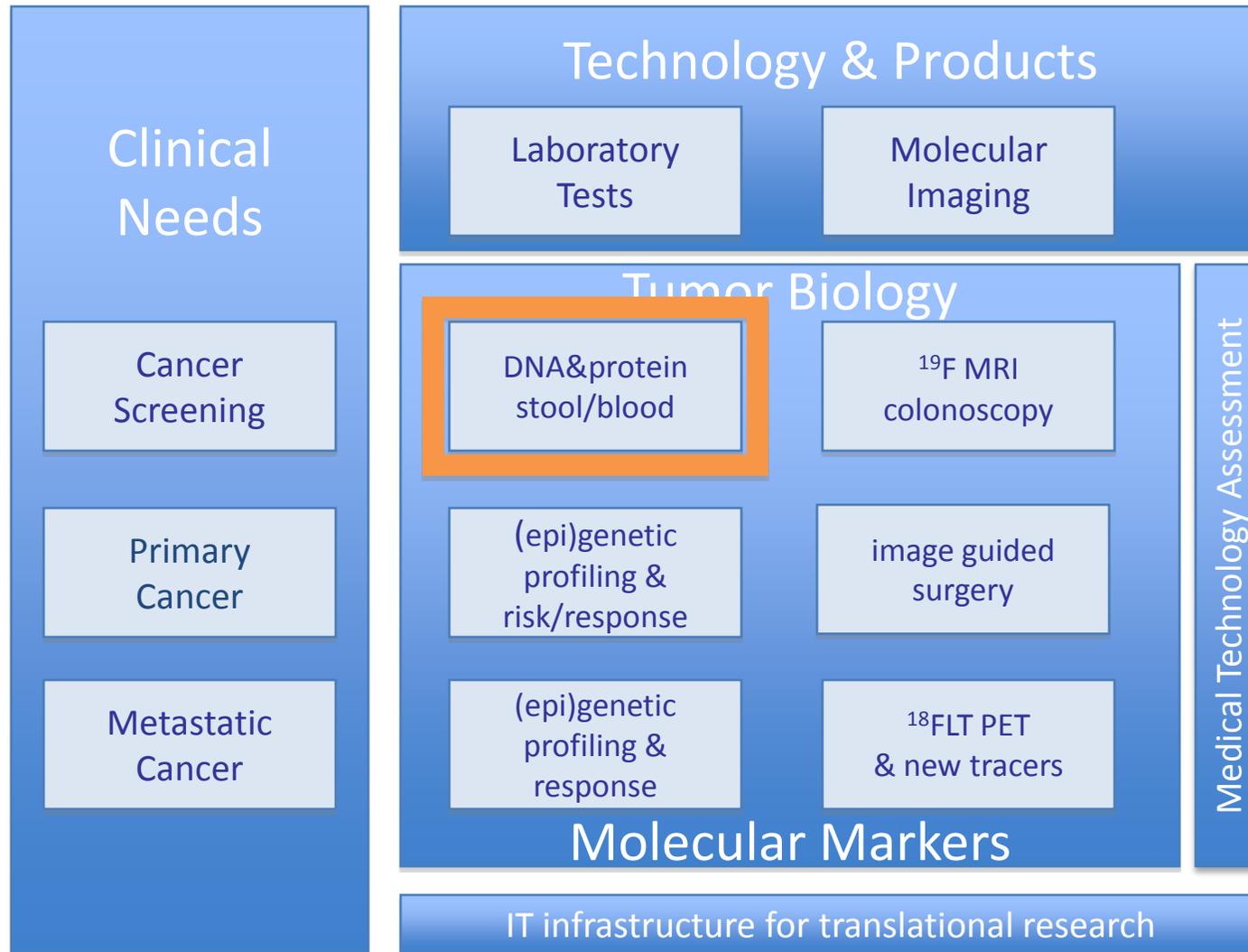
# DeCoDe partners



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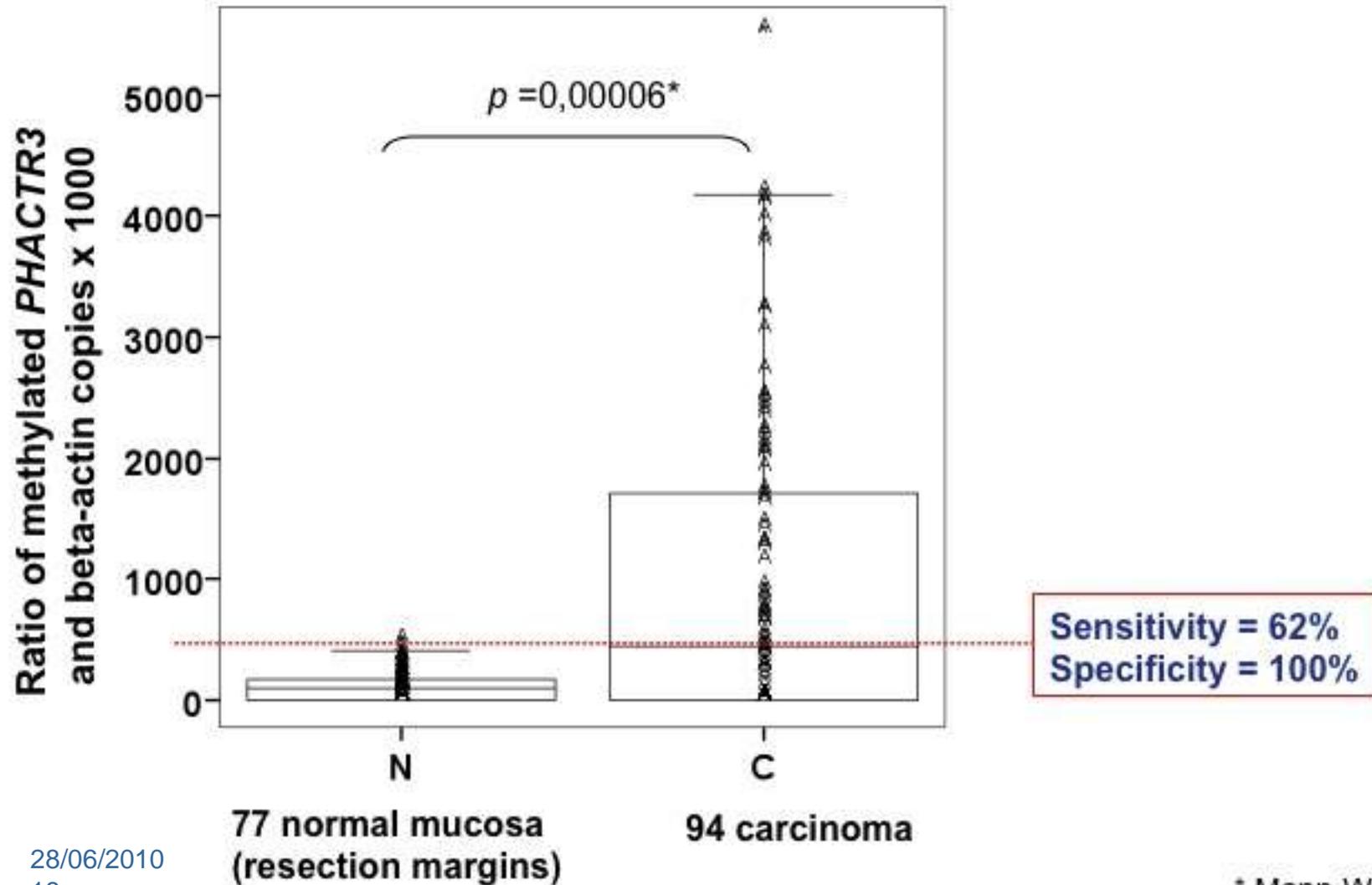


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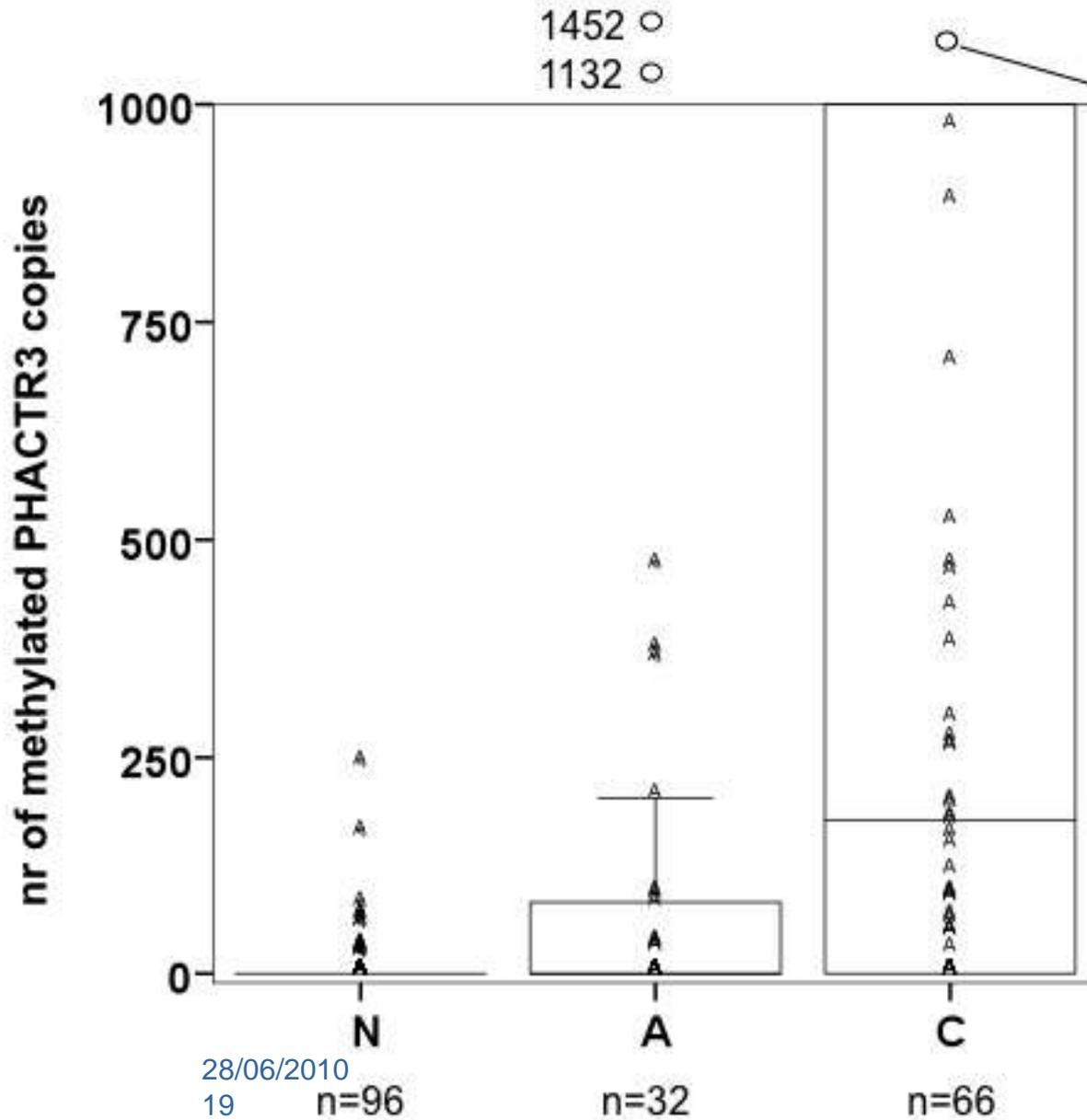




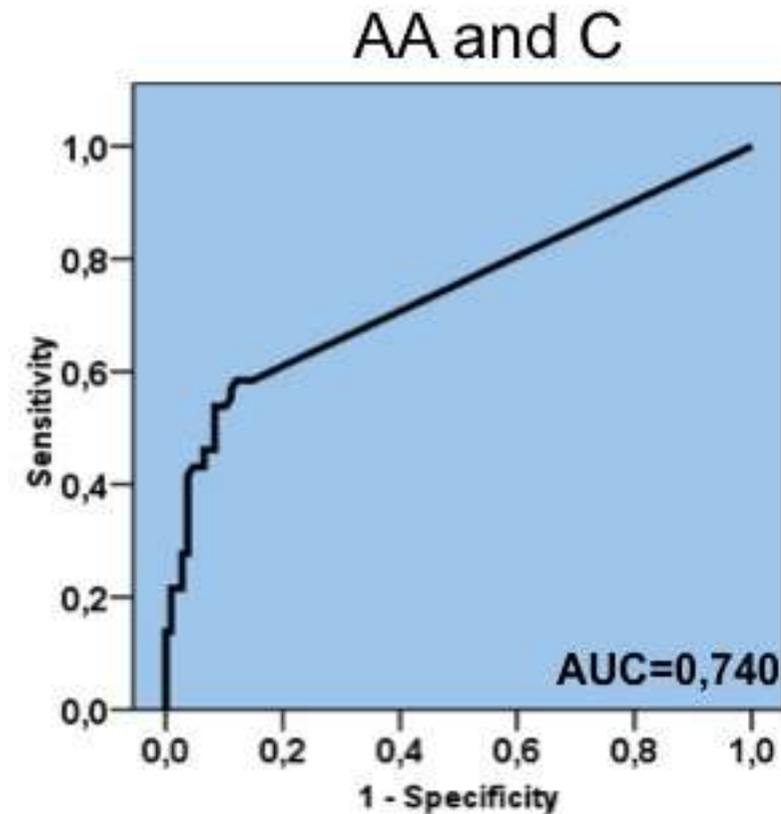
# PHACTR3 methylation levels in tissue samples



28/06/2010  
18



18 data points  
1500 – 32000 copies

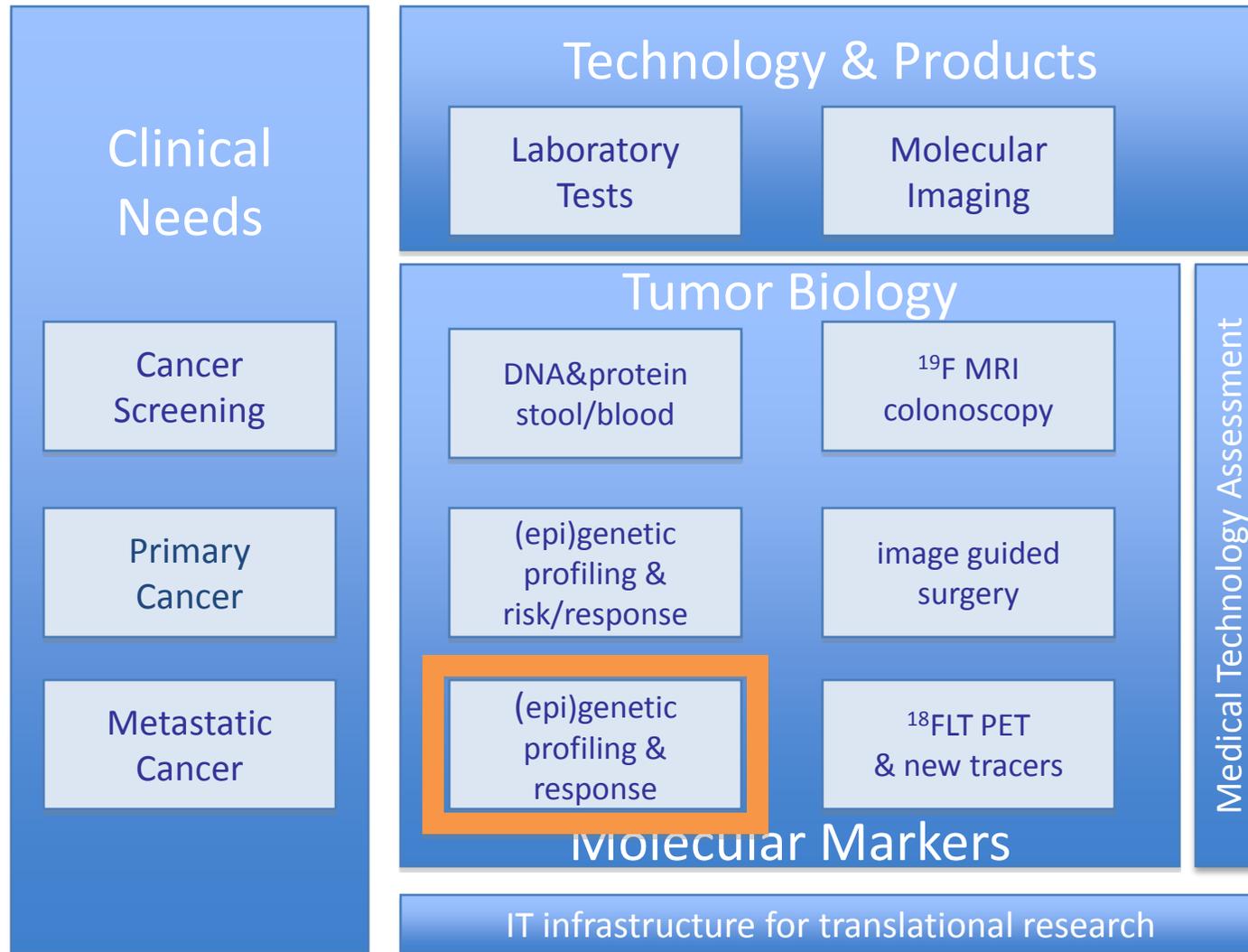


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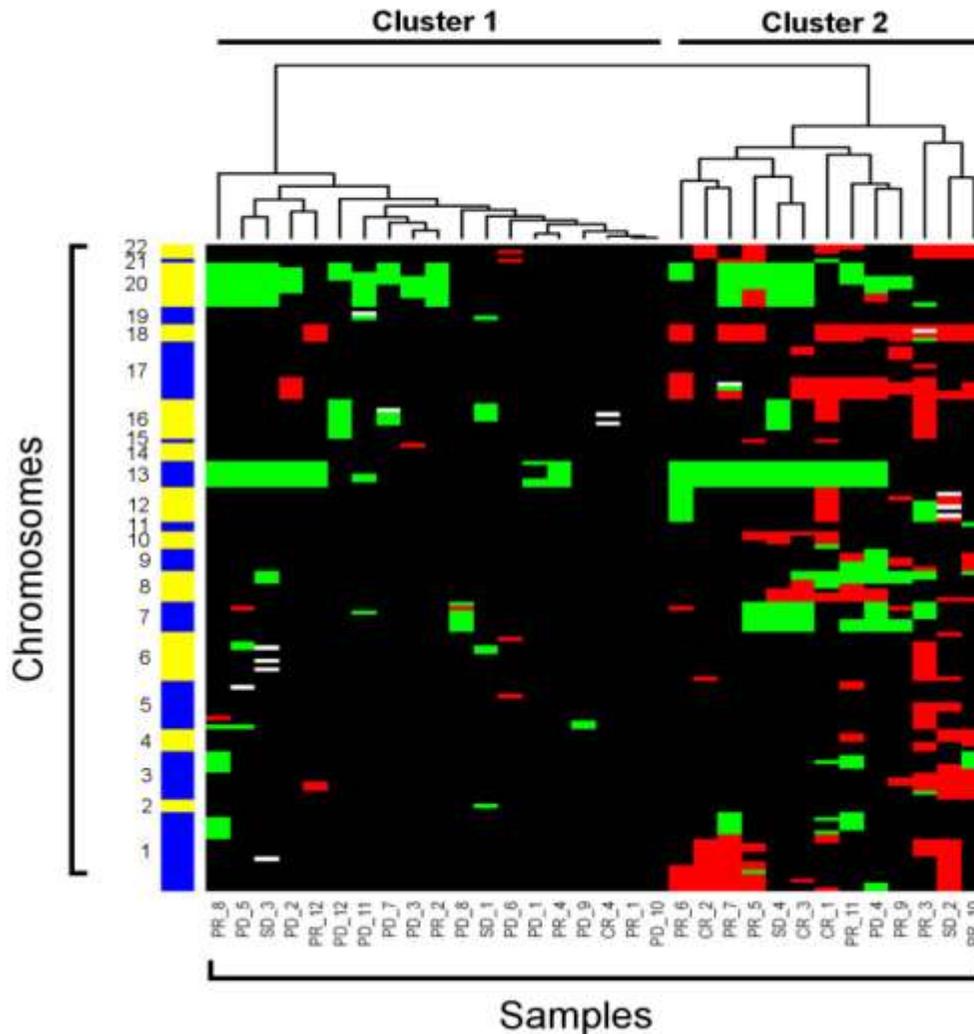
- Prospective validation
  - cohort study with gold standard test = colonoscopy
  - Screening population
  - Referral population
- Complex logistics
- Biobanking
- Data management



# Decrease Colorectal cancer Death



# Variation in DNA copy number profiles in CRC correlates to response to therapy



	<i>Response</i>	<i>no response</i>	<i>total</i>
cluster 1	6	13	19
cluster 2	10	3	13
	16	16	32
		$p = 0.03$	

Postma et al, Ann Oncol 2009

# Sequential versus combination chemotherapy with capecitabine, irinotecan, and oxaliplatin in advanced colorectal cancer (CAIRO): a phase III randomised controlled trial

*Miriam Koopman, Ninja F Antonini, Joep Douma, Jaap Wals, Aafke H Honkoop, Frans L G Erdkamp, Robert S de Jong, Cees J Rodenburg, Gerard Vreugdenhil, Olaf J L Loosveld, Aart van Bochove, Harm A M Sinnige, Geert-Jan M Creemers, Margot E T Tesselaar, Peter H Th J Slee, Marjon J B P Werter, Linda Mol, Otilia Dalesio, Cornelis J A Punt*

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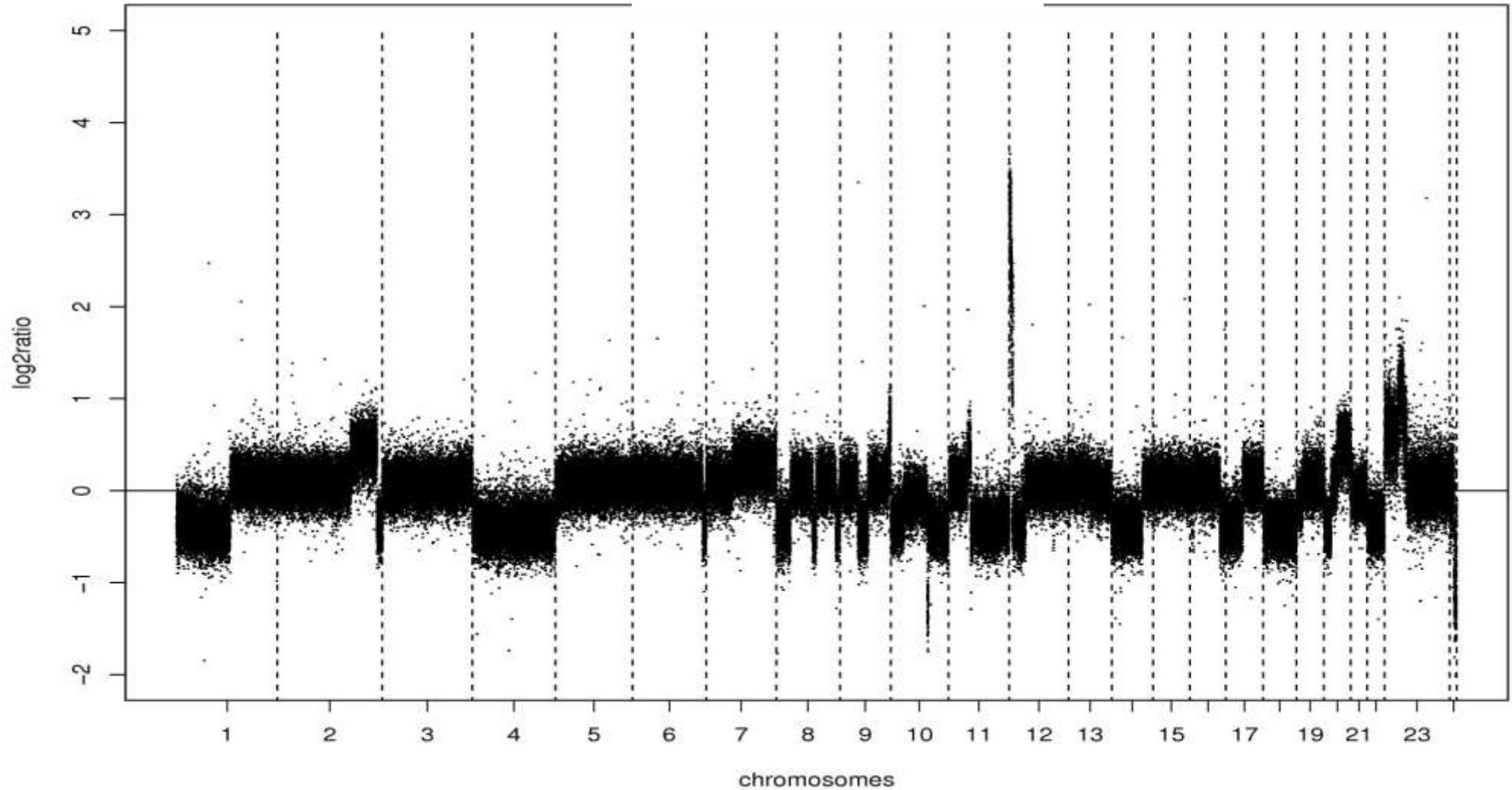
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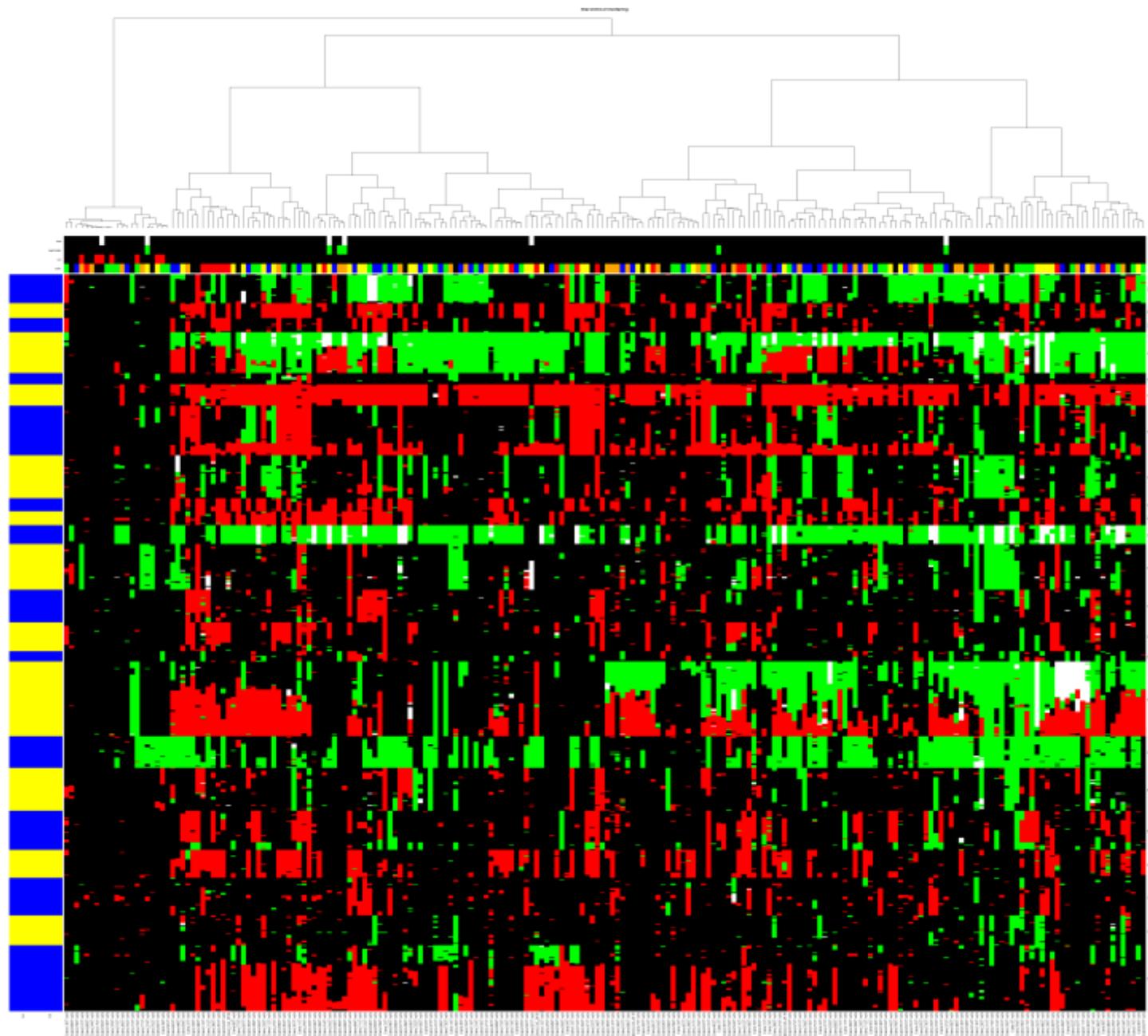
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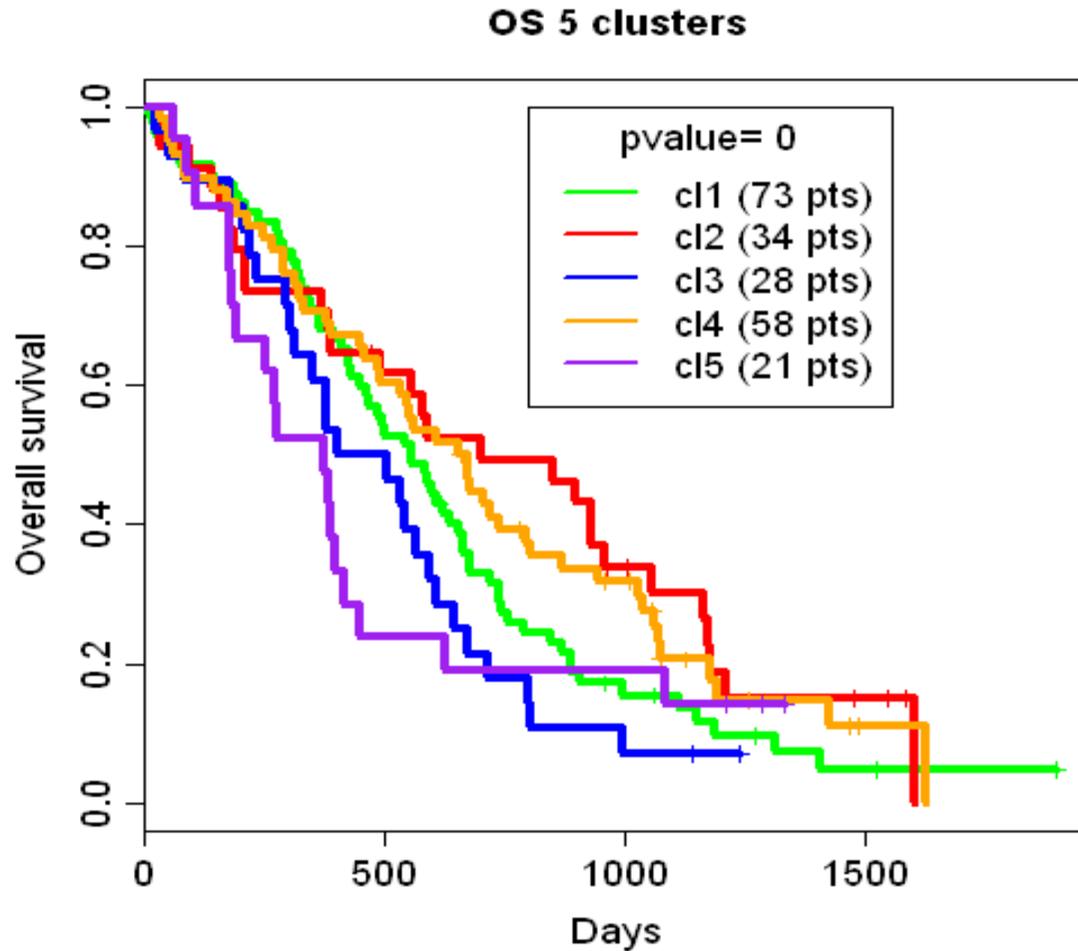
- Clinical annotation
- Biospecimens
  - PALGA = Dutch National Electronic Pathology Archive
  - Nation wide coverage since 1991
  - > 42 million entries
  - > 10 million individuals
  - SNOMED like codes -> structured reports
  - Index to FFPE archives in all 60 labs
  - Rich source of DNA and TMAs

# CAIRO 180k arrayCGH on FFPE CRC primary tumor tissue

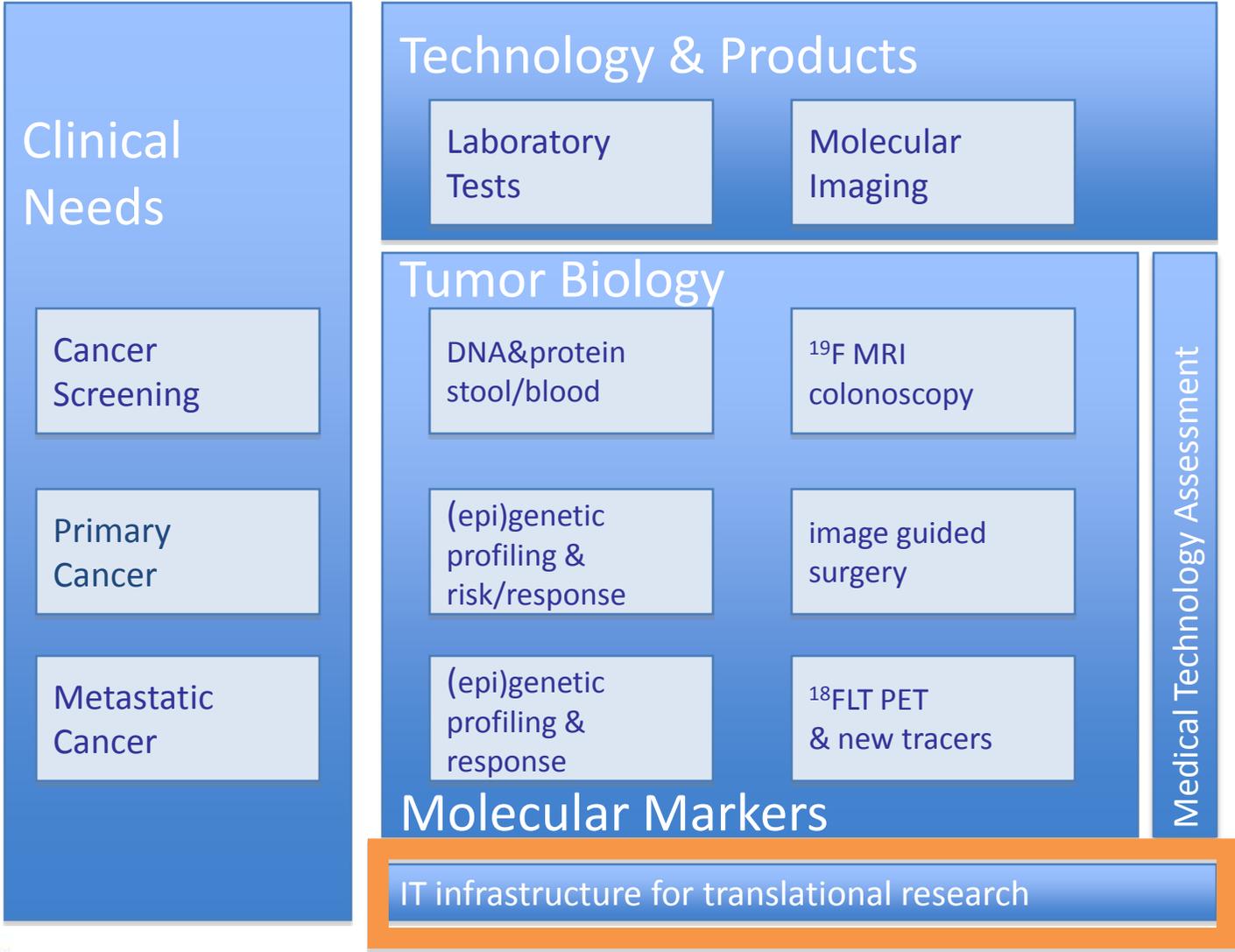




# Overall survival



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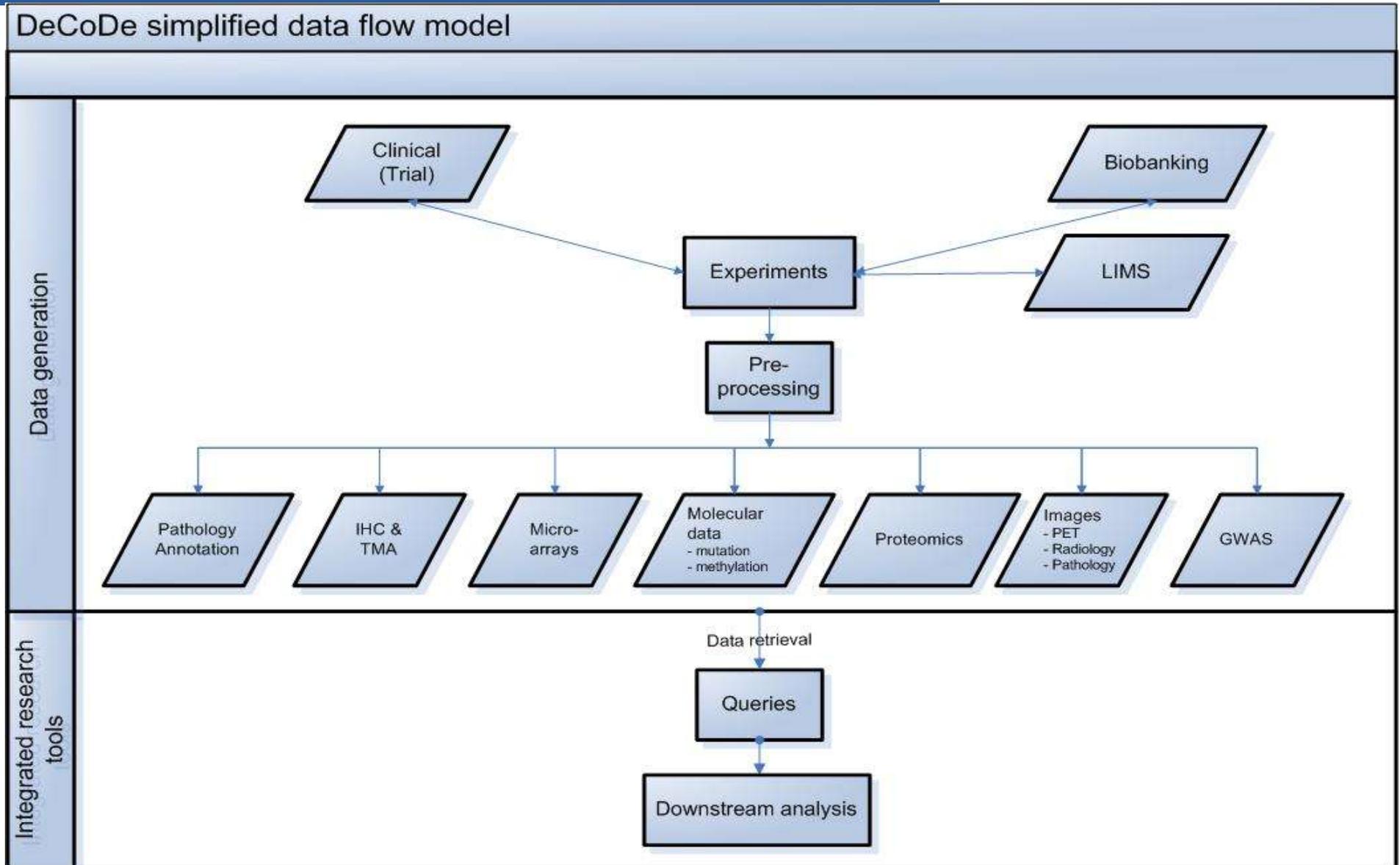




# Data management & analysis challenges

- Amount, islands & interoperability
- Linking to other data resources
  - Population registry based invitation systems for cancer screening
  - Retrospective clinical trial data sets
  - National pathology registry
  - String of Pearls biobanking initiative
- Workflow management
  - Data & sample collection
- Storing, integrating and analyzing (including MTA) different types of experimental data
  - Methylation, arrayCGH, proteomics, TMA, images

# DeCoDe General flowchart





## How did we proceed?

- Summer 2008
  - survey of commercial solutions
- Autumn 2008
  - contact established with caBIG
  - data models compared
- 2009-2010
  - caBIG selected as platform for the DeCoDe consortium
  - several applications implemented/piloted
    - OpenClinica
    - caTissue
    - caArray (pending parser update)
    - caIntegrator
    - .....



## Side effect 1

- CTTM sees caBIG as IT infrastructure of choice
  - caBIG awareness meeting September 2009, Amsterdam
  - Site visit at best practices December 2009, US
- Business plan in preparation for a 15-20 M€ project
  - Implement (adopt/adapt) relevant applications
  - Develop unmet needs/areas of expertise
    - Digital microscopy
    - PET/MRI imaging
    - Other
  - Academic partners: DeCoDe, AirForce, PCMM
  - Private partners: under negotiation
- Time frame
  - Approval October 2010
  - Run time 2011-2014



## Side effect 2



Translational  
Research

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# Interconnection

Patient care work flow

Research work flow

Use caBIG for research IT across

- Oncology
- Immunology
- Neurosciences
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Extramural and transmural medicine

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